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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chaplain will now deliver the morning praver.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend John Lloyd Ogilvie, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

We begin this day on the firm foundation of the indefatigable faithfulness of God. We exclaim with Jeremiah, "Through the Lord's mercies we are consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."—Jeremiah 3:22-23.

Almighty God, we praise You for the constancy and consistency of Your faithfulness in blessing and guiding the Senate of the United States through the years of our Nation's history. We turn to You again today and know that You will be faithful to give the women and men of this Senate exactly what is needed in each hour, each challenge, each decision. Often we become burdened with the heavy responsibilities of leadership on our shoulders. When we pray: Lord lighten the load or strengthen our backs. Your response is to strengthen us physically, intellectually, and spiritually. You never fail us; never let us down; never leave or forsake us.

Empower us to emulate Your faithfulness in our responsibilities and relationships today. May we be people on whom others can depend. Help us to say what we mean and mean what we say. We want each decision to be guided by how we perceive You would decide. Give us light when our vision is dim, courage when we need to be bold, decisiveness when it would be easy to equivocate, and hope when others are tempted to be discouraged. So we commit ourselves to be Your faithful servants, the examples of patriotism to our people, and the crusaders for Your best for our Nation. In Your holy name Yahweh and through Christ our Lord.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader, the able Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], is now recognized.

#### SCHEDULE

Mr. COATS. Thank you, Mr. Presi-

Mr. President, this morning the time for the two leaders has been reserved and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 4, the lineitem veto bill.

Under the consent agreement, any Senator with an amendment on the list will have until 10 a.m. this morning to offer that amendment. At the hour of 10 a.m., the Senate will begin 2 hours of debate on the Daschle substitute amendment.

Therefore, Members should be aware that rollcall votes will occur throughout the day and that it is the intention of the majority leader to complete action on the line-item veto bill today.

#### MEASURE READ THE SECOND TIME—H.R. 1158

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill on the calendar available to read a second time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. COATS. I ask for the second reading of H.R. 1158.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill the second time. The assistant legislative clerk read

as follows: A bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

Mr. COATS. I object to further proceedings of this measure at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COVERDELL). The bill will be placed on the calendar.

### LEGISLATIVE LINE-ITEM VETO

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 4, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4) to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

#### Pending:

(1) Dole amendment No. 347, to provide for the separate enrollment for presentation to the President of each item of any appropriation bill and each item in any authorization bill or resolution providing direct spending or targeted tax benefits.

(2) Abraham modified amendment No. 401 (to amendment No. 347), to require the Congress to approve the bills prior to transmittal to the President.

(3) Levin/Murkowski/Exon amendment No. 406 (to amendment No. 347), to clarify the definition of items of appropriations.

(4) Hatch amendment No. 407 (to amendment No. 347), to exempt items of appropriation provided for the judicial branch from enrollment in separate bills for presentment to the President.

(5) Daschle amendment No. 348 (to amendment No. 347), in the nature of a substitute.

(6) Exon (for Byrd) amendment No. 350 (to amendment No. 347), to prohibit the use of savings achieved through lowering discretionary spending caps to offset revenue decreases subject to pay-as-you-go requirements.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, again, just for the information of our colleagues, under a unanimous-consent agreement, we have only until 10 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

